

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY Board of Education

RESOLUTION NO. 19-02

**RESOLUTION TO DENY THE CHARTER PETITION OF
INTEGRATIVE LEARNING ACADEMY**

WHEREAS, on or about November 6, 2018 lead petitioner Nicky Ramos-Beban, Ph.D. ("Petitioners") for the Integrative Learning Academy Charter School ("Charter School") submitted a charter petition ("Petition") to the San Lorenzo Valley Unified School District ("District"); and

WHEREAS, on January 4, 2019, the District's Board of Trustees voted to deny the Petition; and

WHEREAS, on January 7, 2019, pursuant to Education Code section 47605, subdivision (j), Petitioners submitted the Petition to the Santa Cruz County Office of Education ("County Office") seeking approval of the Charter School's charter for a five year term commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Board of Education ("County Board") held a public hearing on March 7, 2019, as required by Education Code section 47605, for the purpose of considering the level of support for the Petition by parents, teachers and other employees of the districts within the jurisdiction of the County Office; and

WHEREAS, the Santa Cruz County Superintendent of Schools and his charter school review team, along with legal counsel, have reviewed and analyzed the Petition, including all supporting documentation submitted by Petitioners to the County Office following submittal of the Petition, for legal, programmatic and fiscal sufficiency, and have submitted a Staff Report and Proposed Findings of Fact ("Staff Report") to the County Board, which Staff Report was made part of the agenda for this meeting and shall be deemed integrated into this resolution as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Staff Report identifies numerous deficiencies in the Petition, such that the Petition may be denied.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Santa Cruz County Board of Education, having fully considered and evaluated the Petition and supporting documentation hereby adopts the findings of fact set forth in the Staff Report attached hereto as Exhibit A, as the County Board's own, and on the basis of those findings of fact, the County Board determines that:

1. The Petition presents an unsound educational program for the students to be enrolled in the Charter School (Ed. Code § 47605(b)(1));

2. Petitioners are demonstrably unlikely to successfully implement the program set forth in the Petition (Ed. Code § 47605(b)(2)); and
3. The Petition does not contain reasonably comprehensive descriptions of all of the fifteen required elements set forth in Education Code section 47605, subdivision (b)(5)(A)-(O).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, based on the findings of fact set forth in Exhibit A, which are incorporated herein by reference, the Petition is hereby denied.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of Santa Cruz County at its meeting held on March 7, 2019, as follows:

AYES: Filicetti, Nichols, Roth, Sanchez, Van Allen

NOES: Sales

ABSENT: Barr

ABSTAINED: None



Dana M. Sales
President, Santa Cruz County Board of Education

Attest:



Faris Sabbah
County Superintendent of Schools
Secretary, Santa Cruz County Board of Education